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## Former New Brockton High teacher arrested for alleged inappropriate communications with a student

A Coffee County Sheriff's Office investigation led last week to the arrest of a former Coffee County Schools' employee.

According to Coffee County Sheriff Scott Byrd, his office received a report of possible inappropriate communications between a teacher and a student under the age of 19 at New Brockton High School. Following an investigation by investigators with the sheriff's office, the sheriff said an arrest warrant was on Heartlee Pittman, age 25, of Troy, Ala., for one count of a school employee distributing or soliciting obscene material to or from a student. This charge is a Class A misdemeanor.



Heartlee Pittman

Pittman reportedly turned herself in Thursday, June 29, where she was officially charged and arrested. She was booked into the Coffee County Jail, and her bond was set at \$1,500.

Jail records show that Pittman was released on bond less than an hour after her booking.

During a special called meeting Thursday, April 27, the Coffee County Board of Education accepted a resignation from Heartlee (Pittman) Sanders from her position as a teacher at New Brockton High School. Other than an executive session, that was the only matter considered by the board during that April 27th meeting.



**ELBA THEATRE LIGHTS NEW MARQUEE IN FRONT OF LARGE CROWD...**The Restoration 154 folks held a marquee lighting ceremony in conjunction with a ribbon cutting, sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Thursday evening, June 29, for the new venue sign. Over 100 people attended the event. The new marquee for the venue is yet another step completed in the renovations of downtown theatre, which is utilized for various community events. Those attending the official lighting/ribbon cutting for the marquee sign also were treated to ice cream and popcorn. Restoration 154 leaders Justin Maddox and Laurie Chapman thanked their partners that helped make the evening possible before starting the countdown for the new sign. After the sign was lit, all in everyone gathered for the ribbon cutting photo opportunity [as captured above]. City and chamber leaders, along with the Elba Queens also participated in the ribbon cutting.

## ADPH advises to take extra precautions in the heat

With heat indices in the triple digits such as those currently being experienced, the Alabama Department of Public Health advises the public to be alert to the warning signs of heat illnesses.

Heat-related illnesses occur when the body is exposed to high temperatures. The incidence of these illnesses rises expectedly during warm weather periods, and anyone exposed to high temperatures or extreme heat can experience symptoms when the body's temperature control system is overloaded. The most common heat-related illnesses are as follows:

- Heat cramps
- Heat exhaustion
- Heat stroke

**Heat cramps** - include muscle pains or spasms (abdomen, arms or legs), profuse sweat, and high salt concentration in the sweat.

**Heat exhaustion** - is associated with heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea, or vomiting and fainting. Other possible symptoms may include cool and moist skin,

Heat Exhaustion	Heat Stroke
<b>ACT FAST</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Move to a cooler area</li><li>• Loosen clothing</li><li>• Sip cool water</li><li>• Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve</li></ul>	<b>ACT FAST</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Move person to a cooler area</li><li>• Loosen clothing and remove extra layers</li><li>• Cool with water or ice</li></ul>
Dizziness Thirst Heavy Sweating Nausea Weakness	Confusion Dizziness Becomes Unconscious
Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.	Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.

fast and weak pulse rate, fast and shallow breathing, or irritability. Older adults, those with high blood pressure, and those working or exercising in a hot environment are prone to heat exhaustion. If heat exhaustion is not treated, it may progress to heatstroke.

**Heat stroke or sun stroke** - the most serious heat-related illness, a life-threatening problem, may occur when the body is unable to control its temperature. Body temperature may rise to 106 degrees F or higher within 10 -15 minutes. Signs include an extremely high body tem-

perature, red, hot and dry or moist skin, rapid, strong pulse, throbbing headache, dizziness, nausea, dehydration, combativeness or confusion, and unconsciousness. Heat stroke is a medical emergency and

even with immediate treatment, it can be life-threatening or cause serious long-term problems.

Recommendations are

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## Coffee County Deputies arrest two for drug trafficking & other charges

In the early morning hours of Sunday, July 2, two individuals were booked into the Coffee County Jail on drug trafficking and other charges following arrest by deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office.

According to jail records, Necol Santoro, age 38, of Daleville, Ala., was booked into the county jail at 3:22 a.m. Sunday morning. Her charges included drug trafficking [\$60,000 bond], possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], and misdemeanor

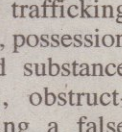
possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,500 bond].

Jail records also show that Jessie Regan, age 39, of Elba, Ala., was booked into the county jail at 3:39 a.m. Sunday morning. His charges included drug trafficking [\$60,000 bond], possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], obstructing justice using a false identity [\$7,500 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,500 bond].

Both suspects remained in the Coffee County Jail as of press time this week.



Necol Santoro



Jessie Regan



**BILAL SIGNS OFF AS DISPATCHER FOR CITY OF ELBA...**After just over 25 years of service to her community, Falisha Bilal of Elba retired June 30, 2023 from the Elba Police Department where she has served loyally as a dispatcher. Bilal began work with the police department on Feb. 16, 1998. During a retirement ceremony held last week at Elba City Hall, Mayor Tom Maddox (right) presented Bilal (left) with a "Certificate of Retirement" and thanked her for 25-years of dedicated service to the citizens of Elba and the surrounding communities. Maddox wished Bilal good health and happiness in her retirement.

## News Brief

On Tuesday, June 20, at approximately 12 p.m., Lucas M. Johnson, age 20, of Brantley, Ala., was arrested and charged with reckless murder and assault -first degree, according to the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency [ALEA].

The charges and arrest stemmed from a June 18th two-vehicle crash where Johnson was the driver of the 2007 Chevrolet Silverado, which resulted in the death of Lakenya B. Anderson, age 40, also of Brantley, in-conjunction with the injury of a 12-year-old juvenile.

No further details were released by ALEA.

## Elba BOE approves hire of Dr. Warren Weeks as new Elba High School principal

The Elba Board of Education voted Tuesday evening, June 27, to hire a new principal for Elba High School.

Longtime Elba educator Wynn Grimes, who has served as principal of the high school for several years now, was approved during last week's meeting to be the school system's new transportation and maintenance coordinator. This transfer opened the principal slot at the high school.

Superintendent Chris Moseley presented Dr. Warren Weeks as his recommendation to be the next Elba High School principal. He said Dr. Weeks has over 20 years of experience in education in Alabama and Georgia. He also served a stint as the career and technical education director with Carroll High School in Ozark, Ala., according to Moseley.

Upon approval by the board to hire Dr. Weeks as Elba High's new principal, the superintendent said he would "hit the ground running the following day."

Other personnel matters approved during the meeting included:

- Accept a resignation from Buffy Lusk as guidance counselor for Elba High School;
- Accept a resignation

## Area Happenings

**The Elba Food Bank** will be closed Thursday, July 6th.

**The Coffee County Board of Education** will conduct its regular monthly meeting Thursday, July 6, at 5:30 p.m. The Coffee County Board of Education office is located at 400 Reddoch Hill Rd., in Elba.

**The Coffee County Conservation District** will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, July 13, at the Coffee County Commission Community Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. If planning to attend, call 334-894-5581 x3.

**The Evergreen Cemetery Board** will meet Thursday, July 13, at 6 p.m. at Elba City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.



## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*"In evaluating other countries, the acid test of a nation's liberty and system of government is determined by the gate test. This test was a simple observation of a nation's borders to see which side of the gate had a lock and armed guards. The test is pass-fail. If the country had guards to keep its citizens from getting out, then it fails the gate test, but a country that must guard to prevent people from getting in, passes." - former President Ronald Reagan*

The hair on the back of our neck bristled Monday morning when reading a headline that read "Fourth of July: Young Americans are questioning whether they want to celebrate the holiday." Needless to say each of us can thank the dedication and foresight of our forefathers for establishing the greatest nation in history for us to enjoy. . . . and honor with this holiday.

July 9th is the faithful day that the U. S. Postal Service makes a bunch of changes, including another increase in postage rates. The Forever stamp (used on first class letters) will go from 63 cents to 66 cents. The last increase was in January of this year. There was also a rate increase in July 2020 and August of 2021. The reported reason for the increase is to compensate for inflation.

You probably see some long faces around those with outstanding student loan debts. The exciting news that President Biden was forgiving billions of dollars of student debt was shot down last week by the U. S. Supreme Court. However, the president quickly shot back with another idea to help those impacted by the Supreme Court decision. We don't have a clue how for this idea will go before becoming a reality or also getting shot down, but it gives those with student loans another reason to have hope.

The United Methodist Church is in an uproar with many local churches opting to withdraw from the worldwide conference. The Elba church is right in the middle of this debate but no local decision has been officially announced (nor made). We don't mind people asking us 'what is going on' and always make an effort to explain the facts but alas those facts seem to be changing on a regular basis . . . . . either actually or in the rumor mills. So be patient with us.

It is awfully hot in South Alabama these days, but before we start looking for sympathy for our area, lets send a bit of it to our folks in Texas. Several days last week they recorded the "hottest temperature in the whole world." We were talking with a former Elba resident on the phone during one of those days and she commented that in Texas it was either boiling hot or hurricanes were beating down on them. She could have added in the occasional snow storms that shut down the whole state of Texas.

## Falls puts her heart into serving senior citizens in Elba

by Kailie Caulder,  
Auburn University Living  
Democracy Program student

Donna Falls, the director of the Elba Senior Citizens Center, is a remarkable individual who embodies the spirit of caregiving and community leadership. Described as charismatic, passionate, and dedicated, she goes above and beyond in her role.

During my visit to the senior center, it became evident that Falls puts her heart into every task she undertakes. From the moment I introduced the Living Democracy Program, attendees of the center were quick to pull me aside, insisting Falls be recognized for her exceptional contributions. She serves in a manner that will leave a lasting impact on the lives of the seniors in the community.

Dorothy Burleson, one of the center's attendees, was particularly vocal in her admiration for Falls.

She states, "Watch Donna. If anyone deserves recognition for giving back to the community, it's her."

Burleson went on to highlight not only Falls' dedication to the center but also her commitment to her own family.

Despite the demanding role of being the primary caregiver for her husband and uncle, Falls never allows it to hinder her commitment to the seniors at the center. Continuously striving to enhance their experience, she tirelessly seeks out new games, organizes events, and identifies opportunities to improve the lives of those in attendance.

Beyond her role at the senior center, Falls actively engages with the broader community. She acts as a catalyst for positive change by collaborating with local organizations and seeking partnerships to provide



Elba Senior Citizens Center director Donna Falls

additional resources for the seniors in her care.

One of the most striking moments from my day at the center was witnessing Falls start off with a game of bingo, a favorite among the seniors. Though I was able to call out the numbers, I learned that Falls enthusiastically calls out numbers while simultaneously playing cards on behalf of community members with vision impairments.

Falls strives for equal opportunity among the group, allowing individuals to "pass" their bingo to another individual for someone else to receive a prize on their behalf. It is the level of care and attention to detail that sets Falls apart from others.

She does not limit her care and dedication to activities within the senior center. Falls goes above and beyond to ensure that every senior who wants to participate can make it to the center. Recognizing the challenges some individuals face in transportation, a bus service has been arranged to pick up attendees from their homes and safely transport them to the center.

The transportation service is a vital force for the center, ensuring that all seniors can benefit from the programs and activities offered. Not only facilitating a physical journey, the bus also serves as an opportunity for socialization among the seniors.

Trisha Price, another attendee, expressed her admiration for Falls, stating, "She definitely gives back to the community."

Price emphasized the importance of observing Falls' actions and contributions by stating "Watch and pay attention, she does so much for all of us."

Despite the weight of her responsibilities, Falls consistently shows up and creates a nurturing environment for the seniors of the

community. Her dedication and unwavering commitment are evident in everything she does. She not only provides a fun and engaging atmosphere but also ensures that each individual feels valued and cared for.

Falls can be seen preparing take-home meals for seniors that would benefit from having easy, nutritional food. Before every meal, she takes time to explain a food group of importance, a vegetable or fruit that has many applications of nutrition.

Falls goes above and beyond to ensure that she knows each individual on a personal level, taking the time to understand their preferences and needs.



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Several weeks ago, Cuzin Lou Lou added a sunshade to Lou 2 for the summer days when the top is off.

This little addition to the Jeep was mostly to help block the sun a bit to keep it from "cooking" the Sister and Papa when they ride with Lou Lou. Admittedly, however, Lou Lou has found it to also be beneficial this summer with some awful hot days, especially over the past few weeks.

Last weekend was the first time that Sister and Papa had ridden in Lou 2 since the sunshade was installed.

First, Lou Lou and Sister ventured off Saturday with some friends to go eat lunch at a favorite place in a nearby town. They had been riding for about 10 minutes when Sister said she really did like the new sunshade. She said not only did it help make the ride more bearable as far as the sun goes, but that it also helped block the wind from trying to snatch her cap off her head!

Later in the day, Papa asked Lou Lou to go with him to some of his favorite shopping spots - Lowe's Tractor Supply and Harbor Freight [or as Papa calls it - the boy's toy store]. Lou Lou convinced him to also take the ride in the Jeep.

This was probably during the hottest part of the day, and it did not take Papa long to realize the new sunshade was a

The level of familiarity and attention to detail is remarkable. Her ability to remember the smallest details such as whether or not individuals prefer gravy on their mashed potatoes showcases her commitment to the center.

She creates a ripple effect of positivity and compassion that radiates through the attendees. Embodying the values of empathy and selflessness, she inspires me to give back and make a difference in the lives of those around me.

I am incredibly honored to assist her in bettering the lives of the seniors in the community. Without her presence, the atmosphere at the center would lack the personal touch and heartfelt connections that are essential for the well-being of the seniors.

Donna Falls is an extraordinary caregiver and community leader who has made a profound impact on the lives of those she serves. Her charisma, passion, and unwavering dedication are an inspiration to all who have the privilege of knowing her.

**\*\* Editor's Note: Kailie Caulder is a student at Auburn University. She is interning in Elba over the summer working with Restoration 154 and others through a partnership with the Living Democracy Program at Auburn.**

keeper! As they were traveling down the road, Papa agreed that Lou Lou had made a good purchase when she decided to buy the sunshade.

He was impressed with how well it blocked the sun's rays to help protect the Jeep's riders.

The best part about the new sunshade is that Lou 2's top can be put back on right over the shade without having to remove it when the time comes... then, it is still there the next time the top is removed. Less work makes for a happy Lou Lou!

It was hot enough last Saturday, however, that even with the sunshade, it was scorching inside the Lou 2, especially when sitting still with no wind to help at all. Lou Lou was really impressed that Sister and Papa managed to make the rides without complaining about how miserable it was due to the heat.

Now, that didn't stop Sister from saying she was "worn out" upon return home from her trip because the heat "drained all her energy"... but, she didn't whine at all during the actual trip. Lou Lou is convinced that was just a good excuse for Sister to go take a long Saturday afternoon nap...not that she has ever really needed an excuse to go nap. It is, after all, her favorite hobby!

During Lou Lou and Papa's trip, they discussed the possibility of installing an "add-on air conditioner" to Lou 2 to help with those rudely hot days, and that led to an internet search for Lou Lou the following day. She came across a neat cooler with a/c that other Jeep users had indicated was a good purchase, so, Lou Lou made the purchase too. Now, when it arrives, she hopes it will be yet another good addition to the Jeep that will pleasantly surprise Sister and Papa again next time they go for a ride in Lou 2. Only time will tell, but Lou Lou has her fingers crossed! Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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Troy University is brimming with new students this summer after welcoming its largest freshman class in three years.

From June 12 through July 21, over 1,550 students will take part in IMPACT, the two-day student orientation process that prepares students for life as a Trojan.

Korrie Lynn Williamson, senior director of enrollment services, said the number of new students enrolled was encouraging to her and her staff in the Admissions office. Enrollment is up seven percent since 2021 and nearly five percent from 2022, with room to grow.

Registration for both the Fall semester and Term 1 are now open with the first day of classes set for Aug. 16.

"Being the largest class that we've had in the last few years, it's really encouraging to us because it is a full circle moment," she said. "We're able to see all those recruiting efforts and admissions responsibilities come to a close, but it's an exciting beginning for the students who are starting their Trojan journey."

Held each summer, IMPACT welcomes incoming transfer students, freshmen and their parents to the Troy Campus for a series of informational sessions and a night of fun at Butter and Egg Adventures. During IMPACT, students take their photo for their student ID, attend browse sessions featuring opportunities to get involved around campus, visit academic departments and register for classes.

"We're talking to the student about how they can be successful, what goals they need to be setting. The goal of orientation is to leave TROY knowing what to expect, knowing how to be a successful Trojan and knowing what classes they're going to take," Williamson said. "But of course, there's also a lot of fun."

Amy O'Kelley, a parent to twin daughters who will be attending TROY in the fall, said she and her family had a "wonderful" experience at IMPACT and the student Q&A panel, visiting the nursing school, the browse sessions, eating lunch at the Dining Hall and meeting Troy University Police were all very informative.

"We are very excited for the girls to attend TROY," she said. "From our very first visit all the way through our time at IMPACT, we have been impressed with every interaction we've had. Each person we've met or talked to on the phone has been nice, knowledgeable and helpful and has an obvious love for the University."

As parents of twins, O'Kelley said she and her

husband, Reid, were particularly thankful for the scholarship opportunities TROY offers. Their daughters, Allie and Caroline, graduates of Chiles High School in Tallahassee, Fla., are the recipients of a Chancellor's Scholarship and will be on the cheerleading team.

"Both girls received a letter from a faculty member congratulating them on receiving the Chancellor's Scholarship and letting them know about the leadership minor offered at TROY," she said. "The letter was very nice and informative, but it was the personal note that this faculty member took the time to write that made us know they made the right choice."

When choosing a college, O'Kelley said the girls both wanted a school with a good nursing program, smaller class sizes, a variety of organizations and a competitive athletics programs where the students have a lot of school pride.

"When we toured TROY for the first time in September 2022, we found all of these things and more—all on a beautiful and safe campus," she said. "We know some current students and some recent alumni, and they all have only positive things to say about their experience at TROY. While it's hard to send your children off to college, we know they are in good hands and are going to have the best four years!"

Naomi Rainey, an incoming freshman from Crestview, Fla., said TROY's music education and theatre program drew her in, but learning about the rest of the University made her choice an easy one.

"I've wanted to be in Sound of the South since my freshman year of high school, but then I searched into the college a little bit more and I really liked all the majors TROY offers, but theatre and music education got the best of me," she said. "I've had a great time at IMPACT so far, everyone has been very open and very informative."

Camiya Steele from Birmingham, Ala., plans to study political science and said she chose TROY over the University of Alabama because of how welcome she was made to feel.

"The people here have been so open and easy to talk to," she said. "I felt like I really fit in. I've met a ton of new people at IMPACT and it's helped me feel ready to start the semester."

Registration is still open for a freshmen session on July 20-21 and a transfer session on July 12.

For more information, visit the IMPACT website, call 334-670-3179 or email [impact@troy.edu](mailto:impact@troy.edu).



Members of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 shared this photo of watermelons they already had on ice last weekend in preparations for Elba's July 4th "Let Freedom Ring" event. The Masonic Lodge members consider it their "gift to the community" each year as they hand out free slices of watermelon during Let Freedom Ring.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, June 27, 2023, and Sunday, July 2, 2023, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, June 27** – Animal complaint reported at 903 Wayne St (9:12 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1269 Highland Dr (11:18 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 441 Plant Ave (2:02 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Claxton Ave N (9:16 p.m.).

**Wednesday, June 28** – Suspicious vehicle reported at 16806 Hwy 167, New Brockton (12:39 a.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 822 Roosevelt Dr (12:41 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 911 Farris Ave (10:54 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1007 Guyton St (2:11 p.m.); Harassment reported to Elba Police (3:01 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1578 Powell Circle (4:32 p.m.); Prowler reported on Adkinson Ave (10:06 p.m.).

**Thursday, June 29** – Suspicious vehicle reported at Annie's (12:17 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 726 Claxton Ave S (12:36 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (11:46 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on S Hwy 167 (11:52 a.m.); Sexual assault/rape reported to Elba Police (1:19 p.m.). Twelve traffic stops resulted in five verbal warnings, two citations, four written warnings, and one arrest.

**Friday, June 30** – Missing person reported at 574 E Davis St (10:42 a.m.); Harassment reported to Elba Police (3:55 p.m.);

Reckless driver reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (4:27 p.m.); Man with a gun reported at 679 Lee St (7:49 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 20741 Hwy 189 (8:02 p.m.). Ten traffic stops resulted in three citations, two written warnings, and five verbal warnings.

**Saturday, July 1** – Suspicious vehicle reported at Annie's 12:55 a.m.; Theft of property reported at 913 Simmons St (8:34 a.m.); Machinery/Equipment fire reported at N Hwy 189 (9:42 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 203 (1:46 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (2:18 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 804 Hwy 203 (3:09 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Smith Ave (10:12 p.m.). Eleven traffic stops resulted in eight verbal warnings, one assistance rendered, one citation, and one written warning.


**Sunday, July 2** – Suspicious person reported at 990 Hwy 203 (12:23 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 804 Hwy 203 (2:14 a.m.); Drug activity reported to Elba Police (3:04 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 W (4:28 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Rebecca Lane (5:28 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 877 Reese Ave (6:09 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 19814 Hwy 87 (7:03 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 990 Hwy 203 (10:57 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one written warning, and one verbal warning.



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Trauma is not rare and 60% percent of men and 50% of women experience a trauma in their lives. For veterans 11-20% of veterans returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom returned with PTSD and 15% of veterans returning from the Vietnam War returned home with PTSD.

PTSD has a variety of symptoms and behaviors attached to it such as insomnia, nightmares or night terrors, difficulty "leaving war behind", panic during surprise situations (even non-aggressive ones) and fear or panic at the sound of loud noises. PTSD can also manifest as anger, anxiety and sometimes hides underneath addiction to alcohol and other substances.

PTSD is something that affects so many of our veterans and it is our responsibility to take care of those who have served our great nation. Here are some resources that may be beneficial for veterans coping with PTSD and/or the friends and family of those coping with the condition.

Return from War - <https://www.ptsd.va.gov/public/PTSD-overview/reintegration/index.asp>

Is it PTSD? <https://www.ptsd.va.gov/public/assessment/index.asp>

Treatment - <https://www.ptsd.va.gov/public/treatment/therapy-med/index.asp>

Get Help with VA PTSD Care, Benefits, or Claims - [https://www.ptsd.va.gov/public/treatment/veterans/get\\_help\\_with\\_va.asp](https://www.ptsd.va.gov/public/treatment/veterans/get_help_with_va.asp)

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## Obituaries

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### WILLIAM JEROME WARD

Mr. William Jerome Ward, age 73, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, June 29, 2023 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Fla.



Jerome proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 1969 to 1973, and afterwards in the Army National Guard for 29 years.

He and Joan were high school sweethearts for three years marrying in 1969 and would have celebrated 54 happy years together on July 8th. Jerome loved his Lord, his family, more friends than you can count, and a good day of work.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 3, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Kit Johnson officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife: Joan Bryan Ward, Elba; daughter and son-in-law: Stacey Ward and Michael Anthony Helms, Enterprise, Ala.; son and daughter-in-law: Daniel Windsor and Melissa Hall Ward, Marietta, Ga.; grandsons: Airman Branson Samuel Helms, Fort Dix, NJ, Charles William Ward, and Philip Wesley Ward, both of Marietta; his sister: Betty Ward Cain, Pensacola, Fla.; and aunt: Madelyn Martin, Daphne, Ala.

Elba; daughters: Brandie Prettyman, Tyra Bradley, and Selenia Martinelli, all of Elba, and Brianna Prettyman, Spokane, Wash.; brothers: Jed Prettyman, Corinth, Miss., and Joe Prettyman, Linden, Texas; sisters: Sheryl McClellan, Jean Pascal, and Sue Chezem, all of Linden, Texas, and Judy Adams, Eau Claire, Wis.; 15 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a host of friends.

## HEAT

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that people drink plenty of fluids except alcohol or caffeinated beverages to prevent dehydration, stay in an air-conditioned room, keep out of the sun by seeking shelter, wear a wide-brimmed hat, light-colored and loose-fitting clothing, use sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher, take cool showers or baths, and reduce or eliminate strenuous activities during the hottest times of the day.

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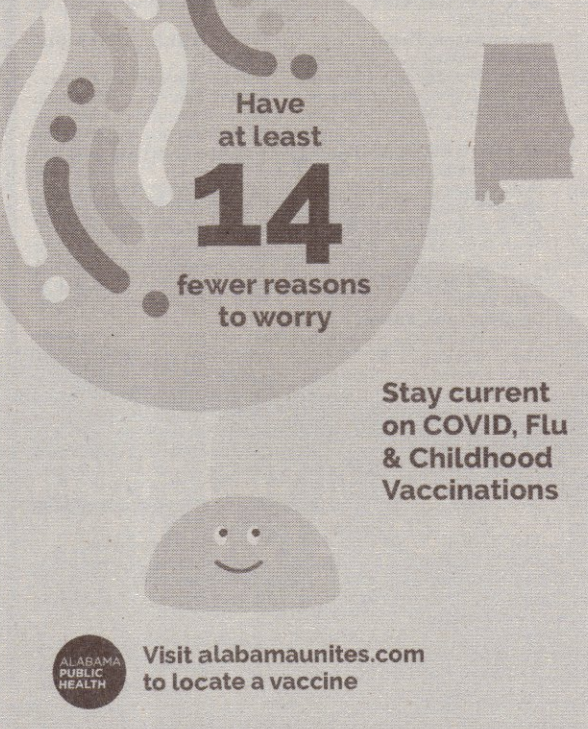
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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS



Parker Kelley, daughter of Colten and Kinley Kelley, was all decked out Sunday, July 2, in her red, white and blue for Patriotic Family Day celebrated at Zion Chapel Baptist Church. Following the morning's worship service, church members enjoyed the afternoon with a picnic lunch, games, watermelon, and a water slide.

## Chestnut Grove Methodist Church plans July 9th homecoming services

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church will hold its annual Homecoming Service on Sunday, July 9, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Justin Barnes. Special music will be by the Barnes Family, Willing Vessels, and Ernie Ray Keal. After the service lunch will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

## VBS at Mount Zion Baptist Church set to begin Thursday, July 13th

Mount Zion Baptist Church, located at Mixons Crossroads, New Brockton, Ala., will conduct its Vacation Bible School Thursday, July 13, through Saturday, July 15, and VBS commencement will be Sunday, July 16, at the church.

Lights! Camera! Action! Mount Zion is putting out a casting call for children ages 6-12 to participate in the "Follywood" VBS. There will be games, snacks, songs, craft projects, and more as youngsters learn how to be super-

stars for Jesus through Bible teaching, fun drama skits, and music.

The VBS schedule is as follows:

Thursday, July 13, 6 - 8:30 p.m.  
Friday, July 14, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Saturday, July 15, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 16, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. will include VBS commencement, worship service, covered dish lunch.

For registration information, email: mountzionbaptistchurch.mixons@gmail.com.

## "Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets Monday nights at the Rabbit Hole in Elba, Ala.

The "Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets every Monday night at the Rabbit Hole, 218 Factory Ave., Elba, beginning at 6 p.m.

This is a safe, confidential space to talk, network and grow in recovery.

For more information, contact Rory Vignola on Facebook.

## Round and About With Eria's Daughter



**Scripture:** Promised Faithfulness to the Lord [Psalm 101: 1-8]

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Alice Musgrove, Juanita B. Brooks, Mamie Belcher, Robyn Patterson, Family of the late Mr. Albert Walker, Gladys Wright, Gene Culver, Vernetter Purvis, Dora Ann Jackson Byrd

heats our homes, generates energy for industry, cooks our food, and powers all sorts of engines. It can be either helpful or harmful, but it is nearly always evidence of power.

In the scriptures fire is often a symbol of the power of God's spirit. Perhaps the clearest illustration of this is the "tongues like as of fire" that appeared over each of the apostles on the day of Pentecost [Acts 2: 1-4].

The fire that fell in response to Elijah's prayer was unmistakably a demonstration of the power of Israel's true God and it fulfilled two important purposes. The sacrifice and altar that Elijah had prepared were consumed (along with everything surrounding them), but the faith of Israel was renewed and empowered.

God's spirit provides "heat" to warm our hearts with love and conviction and "light" (through the words of the scriptures) to guide our paths. The world needs to see such fire as evidence that "the Lord, He is the God."

Pray for fires of revival to be poured out on our nation and to the ends of the earth!

— R.W.B.

## August Birthdays / Anniversaries

Katonya Kyles 8/1; Nobie Rayborn 8/1; Keirra Hammonds 8/1; Rev. W.O. and Shakeitha; Edwards 8/1 W.A.; Frances Wade 8/2; Lacy N. Kelley 8/3; Ruby H. Ellison 8/3; Perry Stinson 8/4; Annie Pearl Carpenter 8/4 (in memory); Former President Barack Obama 8/4; Bradley Belcher 8/8; Mary Lou Daniels 8/8; Myron and Maria 8/9 W.A.; Bria Culver 8/9

## Mulberry Missionary Baptist Sunday School & BTU Congress will be held

Saturday, July 15, beginning at 9:30 a.m., at 2585 Old Curtis Rd (Hwy 84 W), Elba. Saturday Morning Session will include a general assembly, a class period, sermon by Rev. Lovell Martin, and the President's Annual Address.

Also, election of officers will be conducted, attendance awards presented, a memorial service will be held & more. Officers are: Willie C. Tillis, president; Charlie C. Tillis, vice president; Ollie Henderson, secretary; Jeanette Tillis, corresponding secretary; Alicia Kroher and Amy Jones, youth directors; Rev. Lovell Martin, dean. Church representation is \$125, personal enrollment is \$5, and youth enrollment is \$3.

## Fire From Heaven

Fire possesses great potential for both productive energy and destructive power. The Chicago fire of 1871 is a classic illustration of the latter. So are the forest fires that annually scorch thousands of acres of land and results in the tragic loss of life and property.

On the productive side, fire

## Q/A for the Week of 7/6/23

— Multiple Choice

**Q:** Who received Samuel when Hannah presented him to the Lord? (Elkanah, Ehud, Eli)

**A:** Eli [I Samuel 1:25]

**Q:** Which Old Testament character was not mentioned in Zechariah's prophecy? (David, Abraham, Moses)

**A:** Moses [Luke 1: 69, 73]

**Q:** Who told Job to curse God and die? (Job's wife, his friend, Satan)

**A:** Job's Wife [Job 2:9]

## Questions for the Week of 7/13/23 - Fill in the Blanks

**Q:** According to Hannah, how long would Samuel be to the Lord?

**Q:** In Hannah's prayer of praise she said, "there is none as the Lord, neither is there any like our God."

**Today is a good day! Be grateful.**

Eria's Daughter, Sue

## Seniors age 60 and older encouraged to get active with Elba Senior Center

Seniors age 60 and older are encouraged to attend the Elba Senior Citizens Center.

Along with nutritious meals five days a week, the director works with seniors to help them apply for several programs they may qualify, including Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC- Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Program, etc. Seniors must be an active participant at the Elba Senior center for the director to sign them up for the qualifying programs.

To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. This is a social place to come have fun and find or make new friends. If interested in joining the center stop by or call (334) 897-3019. The center is located at 304 N. Factory Ave. (across from the Elba Police Department).

Seniors age 60 and older that cannot come to the center may qualify for meals being brought to their home.

For questions, call center director Donna Falls at (334) 897-3019.

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## Church Directory

<p><b>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</b></p> <p><b>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH</b> Rockey Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH</b> Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sam Self, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Greg Cotter, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH</b> Remonia Smith, Pastor Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd &amp; 5th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH</b> Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Paul Jackson, Pastor Sunday Fellowship... 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 5:30 p.m. Bible Study &amp; Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training... 5:00 p.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>EAON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Philip Box, Minister Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD</b> David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY</b> H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE</b> Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Dwight Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Kit Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Steve Reneau, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Phillip Adcock, Pastor Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON</b> Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH</b> Overseers - Billy Berry Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GRACE FELLOWSHIP</b> John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GREAT NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH</b> Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>HOLY TEMPLE COGIC</b> Glenwood, AL Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>INO BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School... 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Matthew Morris, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH</b> Heath Fountain, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 9:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIVING WORD CHURCH</b> Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH</b> Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 1st &amp; 3rd Sundays</p> <p><b>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Dewey Enfinger, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Will Jordan, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Lorearl Flowers, Minister Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Julian Mitchell, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Lee Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON</b> Terry McCrummen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PRAYSE &amp; GLORY WORSHIP CENTER</b> Roy L. Turner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH</b> A. R. Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Kerry Saxon, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH</b> James Boots, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Leon Fortune, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST</b> Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 12 noon Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m. Wed Bible Class... 7:00 p.m. Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba</b> Max Reed, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> C.P. Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Donald Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORY TABERNACLE</b> Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Lucas Taylor, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Cary Mauden, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>
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## LIFESTYLES



## FIREFIGHTING IS A FAMILY TRADITION...

Firefighter Whit Shehee (right), a volunteer with the Elba Fire Department, recently completed the Alabama Fire College's 10-Week Firefighter Recruit School, which was conducted in Eufaula, Ala. Other than being a volunteer firefighter with the Elba Fire Department, Shehee also has been hired as a career firefighter with the City of Ozark Fire Department. Whit is a fourth-generation firefighter within his family. His dad, Kelly Shehee (left), who also serves as a volunteer with the Elba Fire Department and is a career firefighter with Fort Novosel (Ft. Rucker) Fire Department, had the honor and privilege of pinning Whit during the recent fire college recruit school graduation ceremony.

## ChocPea rain gauges show more rain first six months of 2023 as compared to 2022

All but two rain gauges in the seven county ChocPea basin show they received more rain in 2023 than in the same six month period last year.

The Elba gauge at Pea River bridge increased from 25 inches to 32 inches while the Big Creek gauge at County Road 87 increased from 26 inches to 30 inches. The Folsom Bridge gauge increased from 21 inches to 25 inches. The Lowery Mill gauge on Whitewater Creek jumped from 25 inches to

31 inches. The Arton gauge on Hwy. 231 also jumped from 26 inches to 30 inches. Enterprise, New Brockton, Geneva and the two gauges in Barber County also showed increases.

Several gauges on the Choctawhatchee and Clay Bank Creek showed even larger jumps with as much as 10 and 12 additional inches over last year.

Troy and the gauge at Shiloh on Hwy 130 actually showed a drop in rainfall for these first six months of 2023.



Little Miss Elba Kayleigh Smith was excited to participate in the lighting ceremony for the new Elba Theatre marquee. The Elba Queens, all dressed in gold, helped "cut the ribbon" during the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new sign. A large crowd was in attendance for the special occasion.

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Alex Wright's  
"Back-to-School"  
giveaway set for  
Saturday, July 8

Elba's own Alex Wright, a defensive end for the NFL's Cleveland Browns, will host a "Back-to-School" Giveaway this Saturday, July 8, at Foggy Bottom Stadium in downtown Elba.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Wright has partnered with PicScience to host a backpack and school supplies giveaway for the community.

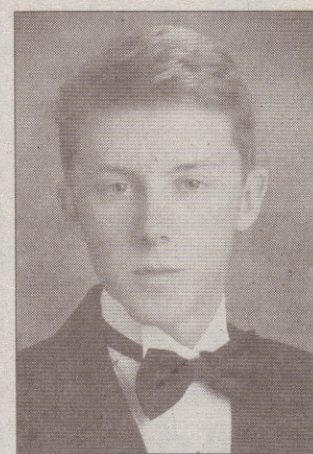
The event is for registered attendees only [register at alexwright.eventbrite.com]. All participants will receive a t-shirt and lunch sponsored by Chick-Fil-a.

There is no charge.



**ELBA LIONS CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS...**The Elba Lions Club recently welcomed new members. Club vice president Carlos Magwood, left, is pictured with the new members. They are Arleen Harris, Jeraldine Smith, and Barbara and James McKenzie. The Lions Club holds its meetings at the Elba Senior Citizens Center.

## Avery Padgett among TJ Northey Memorial Scholarship awardees



Avery Padgett, 2023 Zion Chapel graduate, was one of 13 students to receive a \$1,000 TJ Northey Memorial Scholarship this year.

who have demonstrated a financial need in order to attend college. They must demonstrate their desire and ability to bring joy to others whether it is through school interaction, club involvement, volunteerism, work involvement or extracurricular activities.

Eligible students for this scholarship are students enrolled full-time as a high school senior, progressing normally toward graduation. They must be a resident of or attend high school in one of the following eight Alabama counties: Henry, Houston, Pike, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Barbour, or Geneva.

The scholarship award amount is \$1,000 and is a one-time award.

The TJ Northey Memorial Foundation awarded 13 scholarships this year to celebrate TJ's age (13). The fifth annual TJ Northey Memorial Scholarship Class includes the following:

- K. C. Bradford – Troy, Pike Liberal Arts
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- Hollis Cherry – Arton, Arton High School
- Conner Cook – Headland, Headland High School
- Marshall Daughtry

– Headland; Abbeville Christian

• Sarah Braydon Garrett – Troy, Pike Liberal Arts

• Sophie Kirk – Troy, Arton High School

• Emma Claire Long – Clio, GW Long High School

• Avery Padgett – Elba, Zion Chapel High School

• Caroline Senn – Brundage, Pike Liberal Arts

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SCHOOL NEWS

Elba City Schools						
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School Closed/ Holidays

½ Day Students/Full Day Teachers

Teacher Workday (no school for students)



These Elba High School FCCLA students are in Denver, Colorado this week representing their school and community at the National FCCLA STAR events. Accompanying the students on this trip are family members and school officials. The students are: (front, l to r) Mary Brooklyn O'Neal and Kayden Moseley; (back, l to r) Shaylee Johnson, Keelie Moseley, Adalyn O'Neal, Zalie McKelvy, Payton Parks, Hillary Hudson, and Taylor Day.

Elba Elementary School  
2023-2024 School Supply List  
Kindergarten & First Grade

Kindergarten School Supply List

- 1 Binder (1 ½ inches with clear front & back outside pocket)
- 1 Pack of sheet protectors (50 count)
- 2 Elmer's glue sticks
- 2 Boxes of Crayola brand crayons (24 count – one box per semester)
- 1 Red one-subject notebook
- 1 Yellow one-subject notebook
- 1 Pack of 24 pencils with no design
- 2 Packs of pink large erasers
- 1 Pair Fiskars brand scissors
- 1 Pack highlighters
- White index cards
- Colored index cards
- 1 Nylon Pouch for crayons (no supply boxes)
- 2 Pair of headphones or earbuds (if you go with earbuds, make sure they fit the child's ear)
- 10 Count black expo dry erase markers (low odor)
- 2 Rolls paper towels
- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- 1 Bottle Lysol wipes
- 1 Pack of printer/copy paper \$2 for Weekly Folder
- Girls: Ziploc quart bags (1 box slider zip)
- Boys: Ziploc snack bags (1 box slider zip)
- ~ Send one complete change of clothes (shirt, pants, underwear, socks) in a gallon size bag with student's name
- ~ Label all items with child's name
- ~ No rolling backpacks or supply boxes

- 2 Boxes of Cap Erasers
- 2 Packs Ticonderoga pencils
- 4 Boxes Tissue
- 2 Packs paper towels
- 4 Containers Lysol wipes
- 3 Packs Black expo brand dry erase markers
- 1 Expo Eraser
- 4 Packs Glue Stick (Elmer's)
- 1 Packet primary handwriting paper (w/primary lines)
- 1 Packet heavy duty page protectors
- 1 Packet white or colored card stock paper (not mixed)
- 1 Pack White index cards
- 1 Box Gallon Ziploc bags (boys)
- 1 Box Quart Ziploc bags (girls)
- 1 Box Regular White Copy Paper
- 2 Composition notebooks (primary paper)
- ~ Classroom Wish List Items:
- Teacher Pack of Multi-Colored Expo Markers
- Binders Clips
- Treasure Box Items (ex. Candy, small toys, stickers, etc)
- Extra Headphones
- ~ Label all items with child's name

\*\*Elba Elementary's 2023-2024 school supply lists for Grades 2nd - 6th will be in next week's paper.

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Sunday

First Grade Supply List

- 1 Backpack (no rolling backpacks)
- 2 Headphones for computer use
- 1 Plastic Pencil/Supply Box
- 1 Pair Blunt Edge Scissors
- 2 White (1-inch) 3-Ring Binders (with front plastic slide and pockets inside)
- 3 Boxes of Crayola Crayons

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*We met the rest of the family* for an evening of music and fireworks at Ft. Novosel last week and both the grandsons enjoyed the three-hour outing. Lawson was interested in visiting the various food trucks and finding giveaways from area businesses, while Cannon was just fine crawling on a blanket and playing with anything he could find. It was a little warm, but still a great evening of family fun.

For what it is worth....

\*\*\* *This week will begin the first in a series of* previews of the schedules for area football teams, and first on the list are the Elba Tigers. The Tigers rolled to a region title and an 11-1 record last season, and while the schedule will simply be a reversal of last year's slate, it does provide some interesting food for thought for Tiger fans.

Local fans will get a treat to kick off the schedule as Elba will host cross-county rivals New Brockton in week one and Kinston in week two, and while the Tigers own a 14-1 all-time record against the Gamecocks and a perfect 6-0 record against the Bulldogs, anytime county rivals take the field against each other the fans get to talk trash and look to get bragging rights for at least a year. After the opening two games against county rivals, the Tigers will hit the road for four straight games against Houston County, Brantley, Providence Christian and Red Level, which in many cases would spell danger for even the best of teams. Being on the road means loading a bus for a long road trip, packing pads and equipment in a trailer, many times getting dressed in a smaller dressing room, and often times having to adjust to different officiating crews. Life on the road can be tough, and being on the road for four straight weeks can definitely be a challenge. A much-needed home game against a very talented team from Georgiana will break the road trip, followed by the final regular season road test at high-scoring Florala. The final two games of the regular season will be at home against new region rivals Pleasant Home and McKenzie, and while the Tigers have enjoyed success against both teams, anything can happen, especially late in the season due to injuries, which could make both games crucial to their region success.

Elba and Brantley will no doubt be the favorites to finish atop the region standings, followed by Florala and Georgiana. However, Kinston, Red Level and Houston County could all be sleepers, and with a new coach at McKenzie, no one really knows what to expect. One thing that is clear is that the Elba Tigers face a very interesting schedule, and one that I think is much harder than most area football fans may think!

\*\*\* *Now that summer basketball workouts have ended* the Elba Lady Tigers are using the court daily as they prepare for the upcoming season. The Elba girls have three teams (junior high, junior varsity and varsity) with over thirty players taking part, which shows an amazing interest in the sport at such a small school. I know they will put in a lot of long hours to get ready and are dedicated to having a winning team.

\*\*\* *The recent Supreme Court ruling* that began an era of legal sports betting across the nation gave the states the right to establish their own sports wagering laws, and while it is now legal to bet on all pro and college sporting events, the NFL, NBA, MLB and NHL all adopted rules that banned their players from betting on games involving their own teams, as well as placing bets while at team facilities. Apparently not all of the players understood the rules, since so far this summer three players have been barred indefinitely and a fourth has been benched for six games. The latest suspensions bring the total to six being banned for at least one season and three getting six-game suspensions. The NFL did state it found no evidence of any games being affected by betting, which is legal, but against league policy. As long as sports betting is legal people will bet, just look at the former baseball coach at the University of Alabama. Just another headache for the world of sports!

\*\*\* *In closing....* Major League Baseball announced its starting lineup for the upcoming All-Star game with the Braves and Dodgers both putting three players in the lineup. Over in the American League Texas will have four players in the starting lineup

Elba Tigers face challenging schedule that includes four straight early road battles

For a team that has claimed a total of 7 state championships and 21 region championships, has posted a combined record of 21-3 the past two seasons and was ranked #1 in the state for eight weeks last season in rolling to an 11-1 record, it looks like no schedule could strike fear into its players or fans!

While fear may not be the correct word, Elba Tiger fans are at least leery about the 2023 football schedule that includes two of the first five games against 3A opponents and a third against a 1A power with 4 state titles and 32 region crowns, not to leave out the fact that four of the opening six games will be on the road.

"We certainly have a very challenging schedule again this season and with four of the first six games on the road we will have to be ready early in the season for the adversities that can come with playing on the road," said Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving. "We were undefeated in the regular season a year ago, which means we will have a target on our back each and every week, no matter the opponent. We played a 2A opponent and a 5A opponent back in the spring to help us prepare for the summer, and while the schedule will be challenging, it is a challenge we look forward to."

Following is a preview of the 2023 Elba Tiger football schedule

August 25 – New Brockton

The Tigers will kick off the season at home against the 3A New Brockton Gamecocks. Elba has a 14-1 overall record against New Brockton, has won ten straight meetings and during that run has averaged 41 points a game and recorded four shutouts. The Gamecocks will be under the direction of first year coach Jason Barnett, and have struggled to three straight losing seasons, including an 0-10 record last season.

September 1 – Kinston

The Tigers will be back at home in week two for a second straight cross-county showdown, this time a region clash against the Kinston Bulldogs. Elba holds a 6-0 overall record in the series and had won the last four games by a combined score of 159-32. Coach Rudy Free is back for his fifth year with the Bulldogs, which slipped to a 4-6 record last season after a record-setting 8-4 slate the year before.

September 8 – at, Houston County

The Tigers will begin their four game road journey in week three when they travel to Columbia to for a region battle against the Houston County Lions. Elba owns a 6-3 advantage in its series with the Lions and has won the last three games by a combined score of 116-37. Coach Jake Allen will be in his second season at the helm at Houston County, which has struggled to five straight losing seasons and during the streak has wo a total of only 11 games in five years.

September 15 – at, Brantley

The Tigers will be back in region play for the third straight week when they travel to Brantley for a key region encounter against the Brantley Bulldogs. Elba owns a 33-12 series edge over the Bulldogs, and while it has won three of the past four games, Brantley owns an 8-5 edge over the past thirteen meetings. Coach Roland Jones will enter his sixth year as the head man at Brantley and has led the Bulldogs to 46 wins the last four years.

September 22- Open Date

September 29 – at, Providence Christian

The Tigers will be back on the road to Dothan after a week off to tangle with the 3A Providence Christian Eagles. Elba holds a 2-1 series edge in the short history of the gridiron match-up, and has rolled to two straight wins by a combined score of 67-13. Coach Kenny Keith will enter his twelfth year at the helm for the Eagles, which have struggled to three straight four win seasons after winning a total of 22 games in 2018-2019.

ELBA TIGERS

2023 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

AUG. 25	NEW BROCKTON	HOME
SEPT. 1	KINSTON *	HOME
SEPT. 8	HOUSTON CO. *	AWAY
SEPT. 15	BRANTLEY *	AWAY
SEPT. 22	OPEN DATE	
SEPT. 29	PROVIDENCE CH.	AWAY
OCT. 6	RED LEVEL *	AWAY
OCT. 13	GEORGIANA *	HOME
OCT. 20	FLORALA *	AWAY
OCT. 27	PL. HOME *	HOME
NOV. 3	MCKENZIE *	HOME

(\* Denotes region games)

October 6 – at, Red Level

The Tigers will wrap up their four-game road stand when they travel to Red Level for a region clash with the Red Level Tigers. Elba owns a 6-1 series edge over their region foe, has won six straight meetings, and in the last three games have outscored their region victim by a combined score of 226-32. Coach Kenny Skipper will enter his seventh year as the head man at Red Level, which posted its last winning season back in 2006, and over the past six years have won a total of just 16 games.

October 13 – Georgiana

The Tigers will return home in week eight for an important region contest against the Georgiana Panthers. Elba owns a slim 7-6 series edge over the Panthers and while it has won the last two games, the wins snapped a six game losing streak. Coach Berry Bess will be entering his third year at the Georgiana helm and last season led the Panthers to a 7-4 record in a turnaround year after they had won a total of only nine games the previous three years.

October 20 – at, Florala

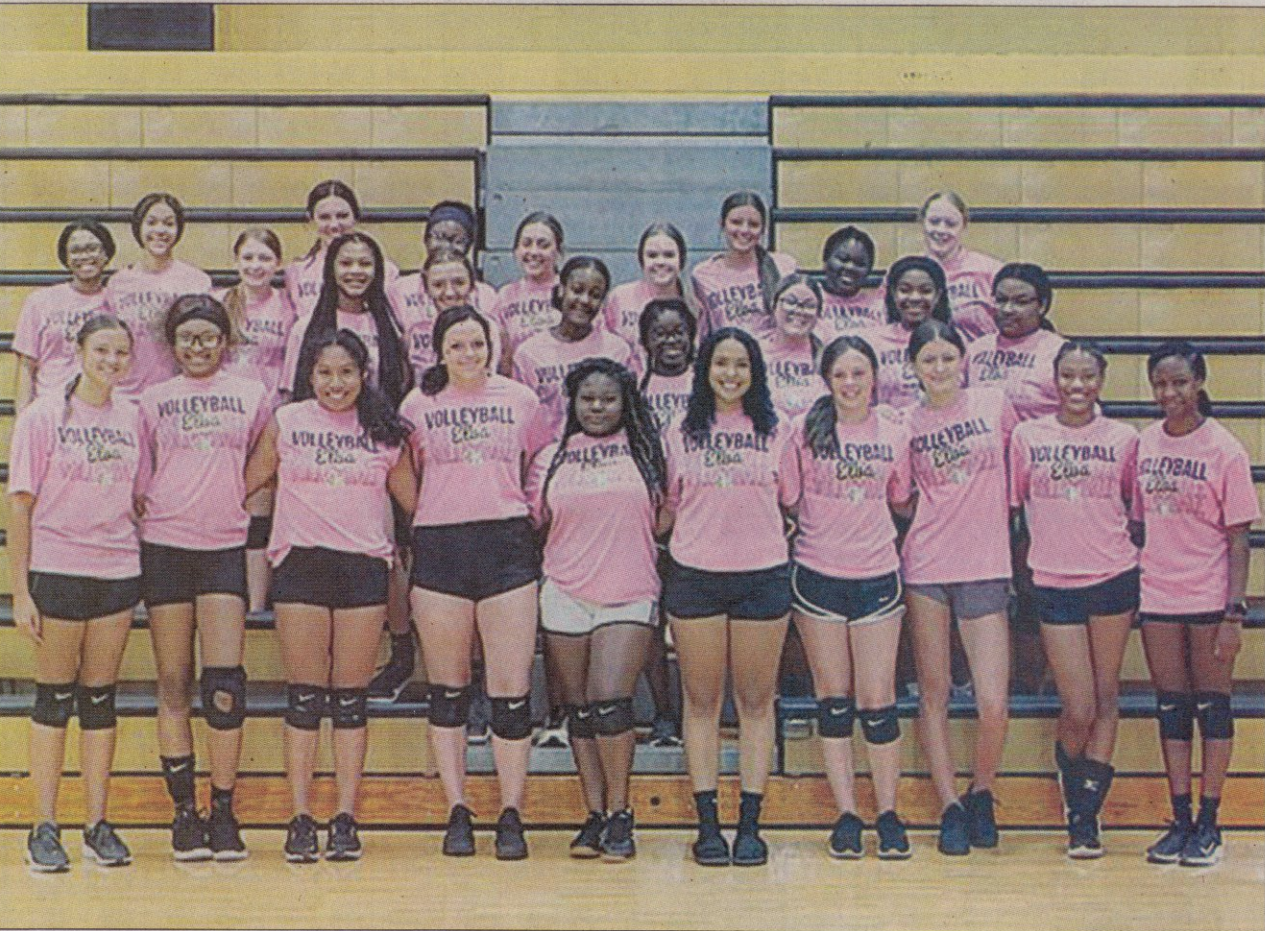
The Tigers will close out their road schedule with a trip to Florala in a key region clash against the Florala Wildcats. Elba owns a slim 17-14-4 series edge over the Wildcats, but has won the last three meetings and in those three wins has averaged over 58 points per game. Coach Jordan Cantrell will be back for his second season with the Wildcats, which have posted three winning seasons in the past four years and last season averaged over 34 points a game.

October 27 – Pleasant Home


The Tigers will be back at home when they host the Pleasant Home Eagles in an interesting region clash. Elba holds a 3-0 series edge in the short history between the region rivals and in the last two wins has outscored the Eagles 102-6. Coach Cody Sellers is in his second season as the head man for the Eagles, which have struggled to six straight losing seasons and won a total of only seven games the last five years.

November 3 – McKenzie

The Tigers will close out the regular season at home with a big region contest against the McKenzie Tigers. Elba holds a 3-0 series edge in the brief history against their region rivals and in the three wins has outscored the Tigers from Butler County by a combined score of 117-19. Coach Brian Bradford will be in his first year as the head man at McKenzie, which has won only one game three times in the past five seasons and has posted only one winning season since 2016.



ELBA LADY TIGERS VOLLEYBALL .... began summer workouts last week for members of the junior high, junior varsity and varsity teams. The team works out three days a week prior to the beginning of the school year in preparation for its season opener in late August. The Lady Tigers will be looking to improve on last season's area runners-up finish.




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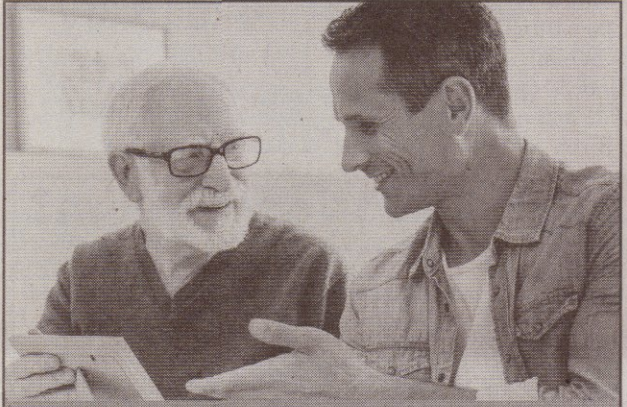
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